

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Bearden High School Dance Team, 2022 UDA National Dance Team Champions.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor those successful student athletic teams, that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of exemplary young athletes is the Bearden High School Dance Team, which recently won the Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Dance Team Championship in the Large Varsity Game Day division; and

WHEREAS, the UDA National Dance Team Championship, held this year at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at The Walt Disney World Resort on February 4-6, 2022, is the pinnacle of dance team competitions for high school and all-star dancers across the country and the only national-level dance team championship endorsed by the National Federation of State High School Association; and

WHEREAS, this victory marks the sixth national title for the team and comes on the heels of its third consecutive Medium Varsity Pom division title win at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden High School Dance Team holds three out of the four Game Day division national titles from the UDA National Dance Team Championship; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the top dance teams in the country, having garnered a total of fourteen TSSAA State Championship titles in addition to its six UDA national titles; and

WHEREAS, the members of this elite team of athletes are Abigail Abrams, Olivia Roddy, Jordan James, Ella Klenck, Julie Horn, Maddie Taylor, Cadance Eastman, Kenzie Banks, Mallory Simpson, Ruby Fisher, Leah Cho, Ella McLaughlin, Marian Mitchell, Mallory Haskins, Eli Keziah, Lana Nelson, Avery Duncanson, and Reagan Honeycutt; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden Dance Team's success and determination would not be possible were it not for the guidance of coaches Hannah Keathley and Kathryn Brasfield, choreographer Katie Fear Lane, and school sponsor Rebecca Nutter; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made these stellar triumphs possible but will also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bearden High School Dance Team for their outstanding performance, both on and off the dance floor, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the six-time national-champion Bearden High School Dance Team on its 2022 Universal Dance Association National Championship win in the Large Varsity Game Day division and extend to the members of the team our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.